

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2706 - SB 2847

March 17, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires workers' compensation benefits to be paid to injured worker upon injury; increases penalty on employers and insurers who fail to pay timely workers' compensation benefits.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$22,000/Claims Award Fund


Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state expenditures to the Claims Award Fund from having to pay claims from the date of injury. Assuming the waiting period no longer existed, the amount on 62 claims filed in FY02/03 that involved lost time, under the 14 waiting period, would result in \$21,767 additional amount paid for these claims of \$21,767. (62x9x\$39)
- an increase in local government expenditures from having to pay all claims from the date of injury, resulting in higher payouts and increased premiums for local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director